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## **SENATE BILL 443**

## By Johnson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 14, Part 1 and Title 16, relative to public employees.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-14-111, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

The district public defender is authorized to employ or reassign individuals utilizing special funds appropriated solely for the purpose of providing prompt and fair adjudication of post-conviction proceedings in capital sentence cases, including authority to assign the additional personnel the duties of personnel reassigned to the post-conviction cases. In no event shall the employment or expenditures under this authority extend beyond a two-year period.

SECTION 2. This act shall not apply to any contract in effect on or before June 30, 2017.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.